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MVD Offices Statewide Will Not Issue or Renew Drivers' Licenses & IDs on Monday Because of Systems Upgrade

SANTA FE – All Motor Vehicle Division offices statewide, including those operated by cities and privately-run, will not be able to issue a new driver's license or identification card or renew an existing one Monday, February, 21, 2011, because of mandatory systems upgrades by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

This one-day suspension of service applies only to regular and commercial drivers' licenses, and IDs. MVD offices will be open Monday for other services such as vehicle registrations, VIN inspections, road tests, etc.

The privately-run MVD outlets – MVD Express and MVD Now – will also be unable to issue or renew any drivers' licenses after 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011. The federal agency that hosts databases MVD uses when issuing and renewing drivers' licenses and identification cards will be upgrading those systems starting Saturday afternoon and completing early Tuesday morning.

“These are necessary upgrades that allow the Motor Vehicle Division to follow proper federal guidelines when processing and issuing drivers' licenses,” said Demesia Padilla, Cabinet Secretary-Designate for the State Taxation & Revenue Department. “The upgrades have been planned by federal authorities over the weekend to minimize impacts on our customers.”

MVD is encouraging individuals whose drivers' licenses are scheduled to expire over the weekend or on Monday to renew them by this Friday, Feb. 18, 2011.